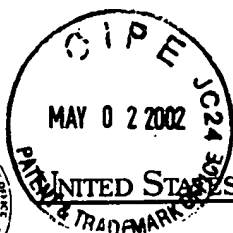


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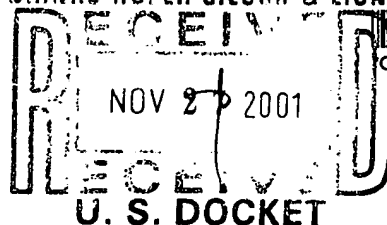
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1326.
 - \$990 for 55 total claims over 20.
 - \$336 for 4 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 2196.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER		Case No. 8864/24
Serial No. 09/983,002	Filing Date October 17, 2001	Examiner Group Art Unit
Inventor(s) GRIFFITH D. NEAL		
Title of Invention METHOD OF ENCAPSULATING HARD DISC DRIVE AND OTHER ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS		

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Check for \$1098.00; Response To Notice to file Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted; Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (3 months); Verified Statement (Declaration); Declaration for Patent Application; Power of Attorney; Postcard Evidencing Receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☒ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition for a 3 month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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Total add'l fee	\$0

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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,098.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Serial No.: 09/983,002

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Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts, a copy of which is attached, dated November 21, 2001 for Application No. 09/983,002 Filed on October 17, 2001, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.
- ☒ Applicant is:

- ☒ a small entity, verified statement is:
- ☒ attached
- ☐ already filed
- ☐ other than small entity
- ☒ Checks totaling \$1,098.00 for:
- ☒ Filing Fee of \$370.00.
- ☒ Surcharge of \$65.00.
- ☒ Additional Claim Fees of \$663.00.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☐ Other: _____.
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